

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**FOR**

Color Additive Petition 8C0253, submitted by Ethicon, Inc., to amend the color additive regulations in §74.3045 [phthalocyaninato(2-)] copper (21 CFR 74.3045), to provide for the safe use of [phthalocyaninato(2-)] copper in coloring nonabsorbable sutures made from a blend of poly(vinylidene fluoride) and poly(vinylidene fluoride-co-hexafluoropropylene for general and ophthalmic surgery.

The Environmental Impact Team, Division of Product Manufacture and Use, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, has determined that the approval of this petition will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and therefore will not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement. This finding is based on information submitted by the petitioner in an environmental assessment prepared using the format described in previous 21 CFR 25.31a(a).

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